

**Statement of Ald. Joe Davis, Sr.
September 21, 2009**

Regarding Lowe's at Midtown Center Closing

Today, we learned that despite their best strategies and solid customer service, Lowe's at Midtown Center has been forced to close. In a statement to me, Steven Yee of Inland Western property management joins me in the hope that the space will be quickly filled with a new tenant. As owners and managers of a large portion of the shopping center, Inland Western continues to be a strong partner in helping this district thrive.

Lowe's representatives have expressed regret over closing the store at Midtown Center and I am thankful for the efforts of the company as it tried to sustain a business that generates a large portion of its profit from home, landscaping and remodeling work amid troubling times in these areas.

I am confident that space at Midtown Center will be filled with a thriving business promptly and am constantly pleased with how the area around the center continues to develop and sustain a vibrant shopping district. I am confident this progress will continue and though I am saddened Lowe's can no longer be our partner in this center, I must thank each proprietor in Midtown Center for their commitment to our residents and I welcome the next business to join the shopping district.

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